Challenges of education sector

328. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is facing problems in meeting the challenges of the education sector on its own;

if so, Government's response thereto and the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for enhancing competitiveness of the Indian education system in the global market;

whether Government has strategically decided to adopt public private participation route in education sector; and

if so, the details thereof and the policy made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Public investment on all sectors of education is sought to be inreased several fold during the Eleventh Five Year Plan for enhancing capacity and improving quality thereof.

(c) and (d) There is already private not-for-profit participation in all sectors of education. The Eleventh Plan envisages the setting up of several new institutions mainly in the public sector, while also exploring possibilities of private participation in some of them.

Teacher student ratio in IIMs

329. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether the existing Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in the country are struggling hard to meet their teacher student ratio; and

if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kolkata and Kozhikode are reportedly facing some problems in recruiting faculty in adequate numbers, but not the IIMs at Lucknow and Indore.

(b) Supply constraints in respect of Ph.D qualified candidates coming out of reputed Institutions and willing to serve as faculty in IIMs.

Winding up of AICTE

330. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether the National Knowledge Commission has recommended the winding up of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE);

if so, what are the specific recommendations in this regard and the reasons given by the Commission for the same; and

(c) what are the reactions of Government thereto?